Export of handloom textiles

2718. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:
SHRI J. S. RAJU:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total Export of Handloom textiles to foreign countries;

(b) what is the total income of the Government in the Sales of Handloom goods in exports for the year 1991 and 1992;

(c) what are the special concessions shown to Handloom Industry to boost up exprts; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) The exports of cotton handloom fabrics and made-ups during the last three years have been as follows:-

In (Rs. Crores)

1990-91	407.29
1991-92	692.22
1992-93	1033.31

(c) and (d) Government have been taking a number of steps to boost exports of handloom products from the country such as sponsoring Buyer Sellers Meets, participation in fairs in major markets, releasing advertisements in foreign trade magazines, product development and quality upgradation through appropriate training programmes.

Support to weavers with funds and marketing facilities

2719. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTITLES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the *Statesman* of 6th January 1992 titled "Rags resurrected as rigs";

(b) if so, whether Government propose to support these weavers with funds and marketing facilities; and

(c) whether Government would take steps to extend such ecologically sound, indigenous cottage industries to other areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no specific scheme for this class weavers. However, these weavers can also avail the benefits under the various ongoing schemes for the welfare of weavers.

(c) The State Government is being advised to conduct a survey and submit their recommendations.

Corrective measures for NJMC Ltd.

2720. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested to take some corrective measures for the survival of National Jute Manufacturing Corporation Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Governmrnt have taken any action on these requests; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (d) National Jute Manufacturers Corporation (NJMC) has submitted a turn around plan in accordance with the directive of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction